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Group Art Unit: 2611  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated December 17, 2004, finally rejecting claims 1-6, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

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